

EDITORIALS

Air Traffic Control

Air traffic over congested population areas always poses a threat to the people below and to occupants of aircraft. The problem is accentuated by the presence in the air of three categories of aircraft: commercial transports, military aircraft of all kinds, including supersonic jets, and privately operated craft of varying sizes and types.

Presumably, all aircraft are subject to Civil Air Regulations. Yet (investigations always show) after tragic collisions it is learned that military craft require only military clearances and many times there is little or no coordinated control unless instrument flight regulations prevail. Consequently, there are hundreds of near misses that might be even more terrible than Saturday evening's catastrophe in Norway.

The clamor for better regulation of air traffic, always succeeding a midair collision, can only be effective if it results in an improvement. Money can help if it will enable the C.A.A. to expand its services to care for the flood of work that will be thrust upon it if adequate flight-planning and other regulations are enforced. Actually, that capable federal service now is so woefully undermanned and equipped that it cannot even enforce its own rules.

The private flyer has many stumbling blocks placed in his way; but, he must realize that the day of freedom of the skies, at least over congested areas like Los Angeles, is at an end. All night flights away from the traffic pattern of his home base should be made on properly executed flight plans at prescribed altitudes and courses and his craft should be equipped with a functioning two-way radio.

Military aircraft have no reason to do their practicing over congested areas. Jet aircraft, particularly, move so rapidly that wide open spaces are reached in a matter of minutes.

Some of the fun is going to be taken out of flying for some pilots. But the majority of pilots—commercial, military and private—will welcome any sane regulation intended to make it safer for all concerned. If pilots are safe from midair collisions it follows that those on the ground have their perfectly natural fears reduced to a minimum.

A Worthy Good Turn

The Boy Scouts of America observes its 48th anniversary during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7 to 13, by launching a yearlong nationwide Good Turn. The Safety Good Turn, undertaken at the suggestion of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, will find 4,700,000 boys and leaders engaged in promoting traffic safety, outdoor safety, and home safety.

We are accustomed to great achievements from our Boy Scouts. Their outstanding work in the 1952 Get-Out-the-Vote campaigns, their Conservation Good Turn in 1954, their collection of nearly two million items of clothing, foodstuffs, and supplies for the needy in 1934, and other activities in behalf of their fellow Americans have given us approximately twenty million past and present Boy Scouts who have learned the real meaning of service.

Calling the Safety Good Turn "an opportunity for service to your country in the highest tradition of the Boy Scouts of America," President Eisenhower said, "We must seek new ways to save the basic resources of our nation: its people."

He told the Boy Scouts that he was encouraged by the splendid results of the Conservation Good Turn. "I now urge you," he wrote, "to adopt Safety as your service project for 1958. Through the concerted action of your members, and in cooperation with other organizations, you can alert the public to the urgent need for reducing the tragic toll of accidents."

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Just What Is the Logic of Logic?

What's the logic in playing golf, collecting stamps, watching birds, or building model railroads?

When you come right down to it, most hobbies aren't logical. That is, the things that people do in their spare time may not materially benefit them in any way, but the mental benefits of many hobbies may be numerous.

I had a debate with a friend of mine the other day who thought that bird watching was a waste of time, but became highly indignant when I suggested that hitting a little ball around a golf course seems equally worthless.

Golf, he informed me huffily, is beneficial to the health, is a game of skill and, besides, it gives him a chance to get away from his wife. Golf was unquestionably a truly beneficial hobby, he declared, while running around with a pair of binoculars listening for bird calls was silly and a waste of energy.

I don't carry any torch for bird watching or golf, since I don't do either one. As an impartial observer, I think they both seem like an equal waste of time—from a strictly logical point of view.

Psychologists, however, tell

us that everyone should have a hobby—as different from his line of work as possible.

Hobbies are good for mental health, they tell us. The guy who has to work inside all day may play golf, baseball, or tennis, putter around in the garden, watch birds, go hunting and fishing, or make things in his home workshop.

The guy who spends all his time outdoors may collect stamps, coins, or match covers, paint, read, cook, or build a model railroad.

Of course, a lot of indoors-men have indoors activities, and many outdoorsmen have outdoor activities as well.

Most hobbies are educational—teaching either knowledge or skills.

The bird watcher learns all about birds; the stamp or coin collector picks up a lot of history in the process; the beekeeper finds out about bees; the home gardener has to know a lot about plant habits; the constant reader takes in lots of new facts.

On the other hand, the golfer or tennis player learns coordination and skill; the home carpenter gets the low-down on how to make end-tables or bookcases; the model railroader gets a certain amount of knowledge about construction; the painter learns how to create beauty.

Hobbies, for the most part, help us to escape from the logic or semi-logic that governs our everyday lives, and give us an outlet for our frustrations.

When he comes home, the clerk in the complaint department may feel like beating his wife. His helpmate may be spared from this indignity if her hubby goes out to his home workshop and pounds nails or drives to the golf course and knocks the cover off the ball.

The guy whose day is spent in tightening bolts on a widget may feel that he is nothing but a robot. He may feel better after he builds his own model railroad or furniture or if the neighbors compliment him for having the prettiest yard in the block.

There are, of course, those who escape from the noisy hubbub in the aircraft plant by putting themselves in the places of Marshal Matt Dillon, Bob Cummings, Sgt. Bilko, or the assortment of other characters who appear on the television screen.

Everybody needs diversion of some kind. If there's not much logic to some of our hobbies, maybe it's because of we're tired of the logic of paying bills and doing what we have to do in our daily routine.

The golfer and the bird watcher may not be doing anything which will add to their wealth, but they both seem to be happy. There's no accounting for taste or hobbies, so why try?

Has Petrillo Heard About This?



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

No Cheers For 'Anchor Boy'

Dear Ann: I was going with a fellow my father hated. We used to have such terrible fights over the boy that some nights I cried myself to sleep from nervousness.

When I became pregnant I knew if I told my folks the truth my father would kill either him or me, so I said we had been married for six months.

When I went to the hospital to have the baby, my boy friends went with me and I was registered as Mrs.—(his name). The birth certificate reads as if we were legally married at the time the baby was born.

The baby is three months old now and we are planning to get married quietly, in another state. I'm worried about the birth certificate. Do you think it will ever cause us any trouble?

—HAPPY NOW

Why should it? If you are married to the baby's father and the certificate bears his name, everything is in order. Your marriage (though tardy) makes the child legitimate—and the rest is nobody's business.

Dear Ann: "Anchor Boy" who bought his wife gifts while cheating on her left and right sounds as if he's waiting for three rousing cheers from the gallery.

I'll admit I can't be objective about this letter because I've been married to an "Anchor Boy" myself for 20 years. I could always tell when he became fascinated with another woman by the gifts he'd bring me.

The whole operation reminded me of our little dog who misbehaved occasionally. When I punished him he'd cry in a way that would break my heart. All during our meal he'd whine so pathetically I couldn't enjoy my dinner. Eventually, I'd give in and present him with some delicious chop-bones.

Even today when my husband gives me a present I smell the faint odor of chop bones. In my opinion the best gift a woman can give her husband in return, is a clout in the eye. At least it's honest.—AVERAGE NIT-WIT.

Dear Ann: In my profession, psychiatry, I have successfully used a technique to

cure the horse-race addict. I am sharing it with you because I've picked up a few pointers from your very practical column and I hope this eases the score.

I advise the wife to fake an interest in her husband's "hobby." She should become acquainted with the names of the horses, the jockeys, the tracks, and educate herself thoroughly on bookie-betting. Once she has persuaded her husband that she, too, is devoted to the sport, she should casually suggest that SHE will place the bets.

If she can succeed in doing this, her troubles will be over. She should then put the money in a savings account instead of in the bookie's hand. When he gets a winner she'll naturally pay him out of her savings.

Over the years she must maintain her "interest" and not buy luxuries that would give her away. Once, however, the bank account is bigger than she ever dreamed it could be, she can give him the surprise of his life and thus possibly also effect a belated cure.

This has worked for my patients. I hope you will pass the word along.—DR. C.W.B.

Dear Doctor: Many thanks for sharing your professional secret. The only hitch in your program is this: What if the lucky stiff hits the daily double the first time he permits his wife to place his bet?

CONFIDENTIALLY: L.K.H.: Stay out of this family meat-grinder. If your brother-in-law is a scoundrel he'll show his hand sooner or later. From your report it will probably be sooner than you think... because it's later than HE thinks.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.



"It's when some men are feeling fit as a fiddle that they begin looking around for a female accompanist!"—Henry Morgan.

"A hammer is something a woman uses to drive a nail, after she's ruined the heels of her shoes."—Margaret Schooley.

"When an athlete can read his own newspaper clippings, higher education hasn't entirely failed."—Morrie Galent.

"Alimony is paying for a subscription to a magazine that isn't being published any more!"—Howard Duff.

Schools, Science and Security

It is unfortunate that we waited for a Sputnik to arouse us from lethargy. It is more fortunate that enough political leaders did not have the courage to take bold measures before—not after—Russia's science exposed our weakness.

For it was not until the launching of the Soviet satellites that any major proposals were forthcoming from either political party to appropriate the funds necessary for missile research and development. Now it's all "crash" programs, hysteria and name calling. Now everybody is rushing to get in the act with colossal grandiose plans to put the U.S. on the moon first.

A year ago Congress argued for months about an expenditure of 80 million dollars for missile development, but in less than a week a billion dollar program for the same thing, unanimously.

Washington knew more than a year ago that Russia had tested satellites and missiles. We have known for years—under both Democrat and Republican administrations—that science was slipping in the U.S. through indifference, lack of recognition and incentives, while in Russia it was growing because of recognition and incentives.

Few citizens, educators, or businessmen bothered to expose this deficiency. And few columnists and commentators had what it takes to buck the trend of national indifference. In other words, leadership in this entire nation was bogged down.

Now we are feverishly reaching for the other extreme. Now we are running scared with hysteria and exaggerations far out of proportion to Soviet gains. We believe this to be equally dangerous.

Prominent educators tell us now that in recent years, less than 15 per cent of the high school students there signing up for math or physics. Third-year math and physics courses in a California high school of a thousand students average about 12 students. Fourth-year math and physics averaged about five, and often not enough to even hold a class. These students were

allowed by the school counselors to take easy elective courses with a minimum of hard core subjects.

Parents were equally to blame for permitting immature teenagers the freedom of choice of their curriculum. The result was a mediocre education and superior "club" activities around the campus.

Millions of dollars in school bond issues were voted by the public and a large percentage of the funds in some instances would go into stadiums, field houses, basketball courts, and swimming pools. Some schools operate stages, lighting and gadgets that not even professional theaters have. Auditoriums, seating appointments in many cases are too luxurious and expensive. Smoking rooms, lounges, super cafeterias, home economic departments, frills and gadgets beyond the imagination of retired educators and old grads.

This is what this reporter hears from school trustees who compare facilities and who can speak without pressure from the top. Parents, educators and students are all responsible for the deplorable decline in the teaching of basic subjects. Now Sputnik has caused us to reverse the process to the other extreme and make everybody a scientist.

In recent months, educators in form us, science courses are mushrooming all over the campus. Where no physics classes existed, in one instance, there are now four in progress. Everybody is rushing to fill the gap in science... and we're going to end up with more engineers and scientists than we could possibly absorb. That was our problem just a few years back, according to a prominent school superintendent. "Ten years ago," he said, "engineers were a dime a dozen and without work."

Is it necessary to run hot and cold in this manner with our education? It probably takes ten years to develop scientists and engineers and it would take us to 1968 before we have the brain power we need today. It takes time to develop the future scientist of outer space. Are we approaching this science defi-

ciency intelligently, with reliance on federal funds and more bureaucracy for "crash educational programs?" Can science be encouraged with dollars? Is it wise to put such emphasis on developing scientists at the expense of other education, as we appear to be doing?

Sputnik has scared the American people and evidently our government. But why? Is it our intention to concentrate on building satellites until we have one around the globe every minute, just to get ahead of the Russians? Is this sound thinking, or is it hysteria? Is America so constituted that our way of life rests on the shifting winds of Soviet policy?

In our opinion security rests on what is best to secure the United States, not to beat Russia in racing Sputniks. What purpose will it serve if we put a bigger satellite in orbit with a horse and rider inside of it, as one scientist proposes? What purpose will it serve if we bankrupt our people in the disorderly process of going overboard just to beat the Russians? Why can't we soberly appropriate what funds are needed for the orderly process of securing our freedom, without fanfare or publicity, instead of this name-calling and Congressional investigations which prove nothing except that our officials were derelict in their responsibility.

The dramas we see displayed by politicians are nauseating. American security cannot be placed on a production-line of crash programs, or one the bargain counter of political expediency. Security is found where it always has been. In courage to admit our joint mistakes, get on with the business of filling the gaps, and stop permitting the Russians to choose the time and place to challenge us. Power is always in the hands of the man who leads, not the man who is led by the nose.

We are still the undisputed leader of the world in economic power, know-how, all-around military power and faith in the principles of freedom. Let's act like it.

LAW IN ACTION

Mailbox

Nurses Praised

Editor, Torrance Herald, This is room 111 at Torrance Memorial Hospital and there are four of us in it. We all want to thank the Herald staff for the paper.

If any of you ever have to go to a hospital, take it from us four... come to the Torrance Memorial. The nurses here are the best.

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JOHN J. BARRETT, 1038 W. 209th St., Torrance.

W. G. DAVID, 1461 W. 169th St., Gardena.

GAROLD N. MERCER, 3023 Denison Ave., San Pedro. I am a life-long friend of Wild Red Berry; he will be here today to visit me. McQUEEN

Public Spirited

Editor, Torrance Herald, I want to thank you and your staff for that fine write-up and picture in Sunday's paper. Your paper is by far the finest in the South Bay Area. I say this not only because of your encouraging write-ups, but because of your fine public spirited attitude toward the city of Torrance.

EDDIE SHAW

New Damage Laws

If a California court blames two or more people for injuring you through lack of due care, you may collect damages from one or all of them. But today, because of a new law which became effective January 1, 1958, one such "tortfeasor" who foots more than his share of the whole bill can legally claim the difference from the others involved.

There you are on the corner when two speeding cars crash and injure you. As before, you can get damages from either or both drivers.

But until now if one such tortfeasor paid all, the courts would not make the other pay his share of the judgment. Today each "joint tortfeasor" who pays more than his share may claim a "contribution" against the others for their pro rata equitable shares.

The court may still make one, some, or all of them pay you, but as among themselves the law now holds that all who share the blame for negligence should share the damages alike.

In this new law changes the common law rule where English judges did not distinguish between "intentional" and "negligent" wrong-

doers. However, there is still no "contribution" among intentional joint tortfeasors, say a gang who beat you up on purpose. If any one of them paid you the damages he could not collect from the others.

Formerly, if you released one tortfeasor who settled with you, you released them all. You could recover from the others only if you released the one without payment. But now an injured person may release one joint tortfeasor for a "consideration," say a payment, and can still sue the others. Of course you then reduce your claim against the others by that amount.

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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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MAY	14	27	Mess	57	From	87	Obligations
JUNE	15	28	Contacts	58	Forenoon	88	Obligations
JULY	16	29	Good	59	Agreement	89	Agreement
AUG	17	30	Good	60	Agreement	90	Agreement
SEPT	18	31	Good	61	Agreement	91	Agreement

